

**REMARKS**

Prior to a first examination, please enter the foregoing amendments.

The application papers filed herewith are a true copy of the prior complete application filed on September 15, 1998 having Application No. 09/153,630. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a), this continuation application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) claims the benefit of and is a continuation of Application No. 09/153,630, filed September 15, 1998.

Claim 1-16 remain at issue in the application. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added through these amendments.

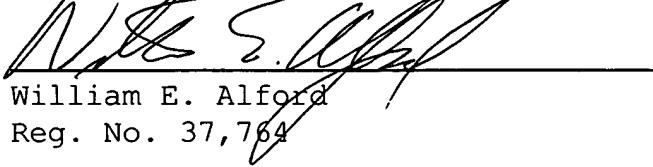
CONCLUSION

Examination is respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is hereby respectfully solicited.

The examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

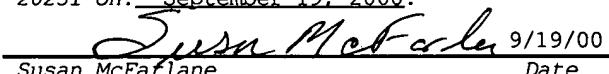
  
William E. Alford  
Reg. No. 37,764

Dated: September 19, 2000

12400 Wilshire Boulevard,  
Seventh Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90025  
(714) 557-3800

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on: September 19, 2000.

  
Susan McFallane 9/19/00  
Date